# J.P. Morgan Property Exchange Inc.

Reverse Like-Kind Exchange Services

#### An alternative structure

The Reverse Exchange is a variation of the standard Forward Like-Kind Exchange (LKE) that provides a way to defer the tax on capital gains or ordinary recapture from the sale of real and personal property when replaced with Like-Kind assets.

Generally, in a standard Forward LKE, a taxpayer (Exchangor) uses the proceeds from the disposition of property (Relinquished Property) to acquire likekind property (Replacement Property).

A Reverse LKE enables the Exchangor to acquire (except for tax ownership) and have use of Replacement Property prior to disposing of the Relinquished Property, while still maintaining the tax deferral benefit.

## Taking advantage of a safe harbor

Following Internal Revenue Code Section 1031, as well as the Safe Harbor outlined in the IRS's Revenue Procedure 2000-37, JPEX's Reverse LKE Program can help Exchangors navigate the complexities and capture available tax-saving benefits when the timing or value of their transactions force them to acquire Replacement Property before disposing of Relinquished Property.

A valid Reverse LKE requires in part:

- The Reverse LKE involves an Exchange Accommodation Titleholder (EAT). The EAT is an independent third party who parks the Exchangor's Relinquished or Replacement Property prior to or following the exchange period, depending on the facts and circumstances. The EAT must have qualified indicia of ownership at all times from the date of acquisition until transfer.
- The Qualified Intermediary (QI), also an independent third party, is involved to receive, invest and disburse exchange funds in order to facilitate the disposition of Relinquished Property and the acquisition of Like-Kind Replacement Property. The EAT can, but is not required to, act as QI.
- The Exchangor and the EAT must enter into a written agreement known as a Qualified Exchange Accommodation Agreement (QEAA). At the appropriate time in the transaction, the Exchangor and QI enter into an Exchange Agreement and Assignment of Rights. Other documents may include a Call and Put Agreement, Promissory Note, Indemnity Agreement and Lease.
- When parking Replacement Property, the Relinquished Property must be identified no later than 45 days after legal title transfers to the EAT.
- The combined time frame that relinquished or Replacement Property is held in a QEAA may not exceed 180 days from date of transfer to EAT.

# **Reverse exchange steps**

Reverse LKE's are generally structured in one of two ways, "Exchange First" and "Exchange Last." Since these transactions are more complicated than Forward LKEs, it is helpful to understand the steps involved.

#### Option I — Exchange last

The most common type of Reverse LKE is known as the Exchange Last method where the EAT acquires title to the Replacement Property.

- 1. An EAT, such as a Delaware
  Corporation or Limited Liability
  Company (LLC), is formed. The owner
  of the EAT must be an independent
  third party and must not be related to
  the Exchangor or its agents.
- 2. In order to acquire and park the Replacement Property with the EAT, the Exchangor arranges money to be loaned to the EAT, either directly from the Exchangor or by guaranteeing the entire amount of a third-party loan granted to the EAT. The EAT uses these funds to acquire the Replacement Property.
- 3. The seller transfers the Replacement Property to the EAT and the EAT takes title. The EAT is the tax owner of the property and leases the property to the Exchangor for up to 180 days while an ultimate buyer for the Relinquished Property is located.

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- The Exchangor locates a buyer for the Relinquished Property. The Exchangor enters into a contract with the buyer of the Relinquished Property.
- 6. The LKE begins. The Exchangor assigns its rights in its sales contract to JPEX as QI (with written notice to all parties to the contract), to allow the Exchangor to defer paying capital gains taxes or depreciation recapture on the sale of the Relinquished Property. JPEX is deemed to transfer the Relinquished Property to the buyer when the Exchangor transfers title directly to the buyer. This begins the sale of the Relinquished Property.
- 7. The buyer pays JPEX, acting as QI, the purchase price for the Relinquished Property, completing the sale of the Relinquished Property. Proceeds from the sale are placed in an exchange account.
- 8. The Exchangor exercises its option to acquire the Replacement Property from the EAT. The Exchangor assigns its rights in its option to acquire the Replacement Property to JPEX as QI.

- 9. JPEX, acting as QI, sends the proceeds from the sale of the Relinquished Property (held in the exchange account) to the EAT. The Exchangor provides any additional funds needed to acquire the Replacement Property. The EAT then pays off or is forgiven the loan used to acquire the Replacement Property.
- 10. JPEX is deemed to transfer the
  Replacement Property to the
  Exchangor when the EAT transfers title
  directly to the Exchangor. The
  Exchangor's LKE transaction is
  complete with respect to this parked
  Replacement Property.

## Option II — Exchange First

An alternative to the more popular Exchange Last structure is the Exchange First structure where the property the exchangor wishes to sell, the Relinquished Property, is parked with an EAT and the Replacement Property is acquired directly by the Exchangor.

- 1. An EAT is formed. The Exchangor enters into a contract to sell the Relinquished Property to the EAT. The Exchangor assigns its rights in the contract to JPEX, as QI, to allow the taxpayer to defer paying capital gains taxes or recapture on the sale of the Relinquished Property.
- 2. The LKE begins. The EAT borrows from the Exchangor, the funds required to purchase the Relinquished Property from the Exchangor. JPEX is deemed to transfer the Relinquished Property to the EAT when the Exchangor transfers title directly to the EAT.

- 3. The EAT takes title to the Relinquished Property for up to 180 days and becomes the tax owner. The EAT leases the Relinquished Property to the taxpayer during the 180 days while an ultimate buyer can be located.
- 4. The EAT transfers the purchase money to JPEX, acting as QI, since the Exchangor cannot have actual or constructive receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the Relinquished Property. These proceeds are held in an exchange account at JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA.
- 5. The Exchangor locates the
  Replacement Property it wishes to
  acquire and enters into a contract with
  the seller. The Exchangor assigns its
  rights in its purchase contract to JPEX
  as QI (with written notices to all
  parties to the contract). JPEX sends the
  seller the proceeds from the sale of
  the Relinquished Property that are
  being held in exchange account. The
  Exchangor directly sends the seller
  any additional funds needed to
  acquire the Replacement Property.
- 6. JPEX is deemed to transfer
  Replacement Property to the
  Exchangor when the seller transfers
  title directly to the Exchangor. The LKE
  is complete.
- 7. Meanwhile, the Exchangor locates a buyer for the Relinquished Property being held by the EAT. On or before the 180 day deadline from the taking of the title by the EAT, the buyer pays the EAT the purchase price for the Relinquished Property at closing. The

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EAT transfers the Relinquished Property to the ultimate buyer. The EAT pays of the loan from the Exchangor used to acquire the Relinquished Property.

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